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25 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Exploitation of Project CORONA

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DD/P, from DD/I, dated 12 May 1959, Same Subject (COR-0448)

1. I am generally in accord with the proposals set forth in the referenced memorandum.

2. I would like to restate the proposal with some amendments which have been the subject of review by [] of your office, Director, Photographic Intelligence Center, the CIA TALENT Security Officer, Security, Development Projects Division (DPD), and the Chief, Special Requirements Staff (SRS)/DPD, all of whom are in agreement.

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a. The CORONA product will be handled separate and apart from TALENT materials under the following arrangements:

1) Special procedures are being established within the TALENT system to handle the product of CORONA. For administrative purposes, i.e., security certification, transmission of administrative memoranda bearing on the material, and general designation, these procedures will be called TALENT-KEYHOLE. The graphic materials themselves or substantive written materials will be designated TOP SECRET-RUFF.

2) Agreements already exist with all prospective users pertaining to certification procedures. (All personnel must be already TALENT cleared, and all certification must be in pursuance of prior approval of billets following the same practice as in TALENT.)

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HANDLE VIA TALENT-KEYHOLE
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

3) **KEYHOLE** materials will be handled only within **TALENT** centers where all personnel are cleared both for **TALENT** and **KEYHOLE** or in compartments within the **TALENT** centers (in which case there may be some outside of the **KEYHOLE** compartment but within the **TALENT** center who are cleared only for **TALENT**).

4) Couriers will be **TALENT** or **SSO** certified. Deliveries of all **TALENT-KEYHOLE** material, with outer wrapper marked "T-KH", will be made to authorized recipients of such material in **TALENT** Control Centers and released therein only to those certified for **TALENT-KEYHOLE** material. Such materials will be logged and stored in compartments within approved **TALENT** centers.

b. Intelligence agencies (Army, Navy, Air Force, JCS, and NSA) and the substantive offices of CIA will be invited to send representatives **KEYHOLE** certified to CIA PIC to assist if they desire in the preparation of a mission coverage summary. A **KEYHOLE** mission coverage summary, an expanded ODE-type report now prepared on **TALENT** materials, will be made available to all authorized individuals who have a need for it. These will be identified as **OAK** reports.

c. As soon as possible after receipt of the original negative, duplicate materials -- positives, negatives, or prints -- will be provided promptly insofar as feasible to all participating agencies on request, as is now the case with **TALENT** materials.

d. Because of the difficulty in establishing compartments within **TALENT** centers in research offices in the Agency and in other agencies, it is requested that insofar as practicable graphic **KEYHOLE** materials be used in **KEYHOLE** PI centers. The storage and use of written materials evolved from **KEYHOLE** graphics is permitted in any authorized **KEYHOLE** compartment on a **MUST KNOW** basis.

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e. Your proposal for KEYHOLE clearances in a total of and with a distribution as follows is approved:

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<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>Total CORONA Clearances</u>	<u>Number Working at PIC</u>
DDI	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ONE		
OCI		
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ORR		
OCR		
Reserve		

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I am by copy of this memorandum requesting the CIA TALENT Security Officer to proceed with certification.

f. I concur in your special arrangements for cover for the DDI offices under the code word GUARD MOUNT, which purports to represent a training program for the eventual utilization of SENTRY material, and which provides that a number of DDI research people may on a continuing basis as necessary work in PIC.

g. In my view it would be highly desirable to make KEYHOLE graphic materials available throughout the TALENT community in a form resembling other aerial photography. I understand that this may possibly be done but that there are problems of workload and explaining to those TALENT certified but not KEYHOLE certified what TALENT missions have produced these materials. I believe that we will see more clearly once we have had some experience dealing with KEYHOLE materials what the possibilities in these regards are. For the time being, I propose not to cross this bridge and, therefore, conclude that for the present no KEYHOLE material will be removed in any form from the KEYHOLE classification.

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3. I am requesting the Chief, SRS/DPD through the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee (ARC) to develop satisfactory arrangements bearing upon the security, exploitation, and such requirements as may arise in the handling of the product of TALENT-KEYHOLE. In view of the fact that in the TALENT program there have been occasions when the roles of the ARC and the Utilization Advisory Board (UAB) have been indistinct, and by virtue of the fact that the representation is almost and might well be identical, I would propose that the responsibilities of the UAB in the TALENT program be placed on the ARC and that these same kinds of responsibilities be likewise placed on the ARC in connection with the use of TALENT-KEYHOLE materials. I would also propose that the Assistant to DD/I(P) serve as Deputy Chairman of the ARC.

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C/SRS/DPD-DD/P (cy 4) ✓
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DD/P cy 7

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